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SUBJ: DON CHING CHU ISLAND SITUATION

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1. MFA UNDERSECRETARY WONG PONNIKON IN PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 11 SAID THAT LPDR WOULD LAUNCH SUPPRESSION CAMPAIGN AGAINST LAO RESISTANCE FORCE ON DON CHING CHU ISLAND ON APRIL 11. WONG STATED THAT RTG CONSIDERED THIS AN INTERNAL LAO AFFAIR AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE KNEW OF NO RECENT SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN LAOS, NOR WOULD HE CONFIRM ANY STORIES RE LAO KING HAVING ESCAPED INTO THAILAND.

2. CONSULATE UDORN SE T CONREP TO SRI CHIANG MAI DISTRICT TOWN, JUST SOUTH OF DON CHING CHU ISLAND, ON APRIL 10. CONREP FOUND ATMOSPHERE THERE NORMAL AND QUIET WITH TOWNSPEOPLE APPEARING EITHER IGNORANT OR INDIFFERENT TO SITUATION ON ISLAND. THERE ALSO APPEARED TO BE NO THAI MILITARY IN TOWN OR ON RIVER BANK ACROSS SROM ISLAND. CONREP MET FORMER LAO EX-FAR LIEUTENANT NOW LIVING IN SRI CHIANG MAI WHO SAID LEADER OF RESISTANCE ELEMENT
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ON ISLAND WAS CAPT. KHAMBOU BUITAVANG, A FORMER EX-FAR INFANTRY OFFICER WHO FLED LAOS AFTER COMMUNIST TAKEWAOVER AND SOUGHT REFUGE IN NONG KHAI.

3. BANGKOK WORLD (AFTERNOON ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PAPER) OF APRIL 11 CARRIED REPORT FROM NONG KHAI THAT LPDR TROOPS HAD RE-TAKEN DON CHING CHU BUT THAT ANOTHER LAO RESISTANCE FORCE HAD SEIZED DON

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SAN KHI ISLAND (LOCATED ABOUT WWP KILOMETERS UPSTREAM FROM SRI CHIANG MAI). OTHER PRESS SOURCES TOLD EMBOFF THEY HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR REPORTS FROM VIENTIANE WHICH THEY BELIEVED TO BE RELIABLE. LAO RESISTANCE FORCE AT DON SAN KHI ISLAND WAS, ACCORDING TO PRESS SOURCES, EXCHANGING FIRE WITH PLDR TROOPS AS OF AFTERNOON OF APRIL 11.
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